

AMATEUR CHALLENGER

OUR SIXTY SECOND YEAR

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MEETING: January 11th. 1980

Installation of 1980 elected officers. Open discussion on club policy, Programs, Meetings format, Refreshments, Summer activities, Emergency plans, Participation at Hamfest, Hobby show, Auctions, etc This is your chance to speak up

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Here is hoping for the best of everything good in the amateur world falls upon Indianapolis. One New Years resolution for your editor; learn to spell the word AMATEUR correctly. Already news is looking better, with WARC safely out of the way and some accomplishments in sight. The 10 and 15 meter bands are performing well at least part of the day.

The close of the WARC left us with the prospects of new bands: by Jan. '82 10.1--10.15 Mhz. (Shared with fixed services) -- 18.068--18.168 Mhz. --24.89--24.99 Mhz. by the year 1989.

To many this may seem like something remote to "yours truly", but there will be developments as soon as 1981 and the fun and games will come from some of the most improbable experiments yet to be tried. The Amateur world being what it is the word of new things will get around and we will all be scrambling to get in on the new frequencies with new equipment.

CONGTATS

To Tony Piccolo, WD9GCJ, for the "Best Program" of the year award.

MONTY

Perhaps newer members aren't very well acquainted with Glen Montgomery, W9HUD, but the appreciation award prepared by Alvey Pittman pointed out how a person can get in a lot of club activity in 50 years of devoted effort.

PERSONAL NOTES:

We are happy to hear that Mrs Jerry Lucas made a round trip to the hospital and is back home with good news, Jerry had to keep the home fired burning while she was away but hopes to see things back to normal soon. Your editor received a letter from Florida, Mel Eberhart WB9WRC, who is fortunate enough to be able to make it down there every year, writes that the same worries (inflation, gasoline prices, TVI) are down there too. Hi.

1980 DUES ARE NOW DUE--SO GET WITH IT.

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

A new public service was started in this area, when the Amateurs furnished communications and some transportation for the Salvation Army Xmas Basket program for shut-ins on Dec. 16th. Jack Murrell, WD9HIR, reported about 68 volunteers reported (not all amateurs) and all the baskets were delivered. Since this was the first time this exercise was performed, there were some short circuits, but no hangups serious enough to prevent future participation.

A derailment on the Con-Rail Railroad near E. Michigan and Dorman Sts. brought out five amateurs from the Red Cross Radio Club, ready to go into action if need for evacuation became necessary. No evacuation was necessary when it was determined that none of the dangerous materials were leaking from the wrecked cars. This brings home the fact that shows how close we live to disaster in today's world and should be prepared to render assistance at all times.

FCC RULE CHANGES

There are some FCC rule changes again this month which might seem unimportant if they are out of the range of your regular activity but you might get caught up in red tape if you don't keep up on the rules. One change involves visiting Canada, you cannot no longer operate without a Canadian permit. The FCC will accept photo copies of your license when renewing or corresponding with the FCC; etc. There are similiar changes being made all the time. So be on the alert and check out the latest rules when doing something out of the familiar routine.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Well, the one meeting in December proved to be a lively one. We started off with a short business meeting which included the election of the slate of officers presented last month by the committee with one exception, Wade Kingery, W9JGZ, decaded he was unable to perform as Vice-Pres and Alvey Pittman, W9EL, agreed to continue in this office for the coming year. This Se emed to be a popular choice as everyone remembers the great job Alvey has done in the past years. Since no other slate of candidates was filed with the Secty. the Secty was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the slate as modified. Best wishes for a successful year to the new officers. -- An exchange of small (in dollar value) gifts wrapped for Xmas was made as each member tried for the jackpot by size and outward appearance of the package. This produced many laughs with more laughs coming when the gifts were opened. After the gift exchange, an unscheduled auction was held to dispose of books and ham gear donated by Elmer Marchiro, W9PCL. The auction was continued until all the materials was in the hands of the interested parties. This used up the remaining time and we didn't get to see the film which Ken Alexander, WB9VGS, was all set up to show, Better luck next time Ken:

SILENT KEY

The Club has lost another staunch member, in the passing of Robert J. Brown, WA9DTM Bob was in the Insurance business and was unable to attend meetings on a regular basis. Our Deepest Sympathy expressed to the family in a donation to the Heart Fund.

DUES

It's dues paying time again. \$7.00 regular member, \$3.00 Non-Resident member. March 1st. will be the deadline for paying dues, after which your name will be dropped from the mailing list.

BARGAIN

A real bargain can be had in a IRC life membership, 10 times the current dues or \$70.00 THINK ABOUT IT in these times of rising prices.

The close of the year, finds the club doing fairly well in most departments There is still lots to be done. So good luck and lets look forward to an even better year in 1980.

DIRECTORS MEETING

At the last Board meeting it was suggested that the officers meeting normally held on the first Friday each month be scheduled one hour prior to the regular club meetings on the 2nd. Fridays -7:00-8:00 PM. The first Board meeting of the new year, all officers and directors of '79 and '80 are urged to be present at 7:00 PM. January 11th meeting.

ATV

The ATV group has scheduled a meeting on Sat. Jan 12th Ft. Harrison Rec. Center 7:00PM. Discussion of plans for a local ATV repeater installation also Homebrew and Door prizes. -- IRC member Mauri Lortz, WA9SDL is the proud owner of a Color camera and is now transmitting ATV in full color with excellent results. Alvey Pittman is also in there, showing his profile on black and white ATV. The rest of us are just looking in Hi.